Representation for making raised grounds in Kuttanad.

319. *MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation suggesting to make raised grounds in every pakuthi in Kuttanad for the temporary accommodation of cattle and poor people during flood; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken on it?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Estimates have been prepared, but are held up pending detailed investigations regarding the hydraulic problem in Kuttanad area and the provision of the spillway at Thottapally.

Repairing the Pattinithodu Canal.

320. *MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any application for repairing the Pattinithodu (പട്ടിണിത്തോട്) in Parur taluk; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons for not doing the work?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: (*a*) There were two interpellations in regard to this matter.

(*b*) The canal was once deepened and made navigable at a cost of over Rs. 8,000. But it is now unfit for navigation due to its silting up. The possibilities for preventing the silting of the Thodu are being investigated.

Construction of the Vettikempankari canal.

321. *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the construction of the Vettikempankari canal in Parayankara Punja in Thriperumthura pakuthi, Mavelikara taluk, is completed;

(*b*) if not, what is the delay due to; and

(*c*) whether any land blocking this canal still remains unacquired by Government?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: (*a*) No.

(*b*) The unwillingness of the people to pay cess or half contribution for the improvement works.

(*c*) Yes. The south end of the canal is blocked up and is a cocoanut garden.

Improvement of the Puthen Aru Canal.

322. *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representations from the people of Chennithala for the improvement of the Puthen Aru Canal in Chennithala Punja in Mavelikara taluk; and

(*b*) if so, what action was taken on them?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) this does not arise.

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MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR : Sir, I beg to correct the answer given to this question. There is a slight mistake which has occurred in the answer. The correct answer ought to be this.

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An estimate for Rs. 3850 has been received and is under scrutiny in the Chief Engineer's Office.

Agricultural Colony in Central Travancore.

323. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: With reference to R. O. C. No. 1135/38/Devpt., dated 22nd July 1938, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received the representation dated 6-2-1938 from the Secretary of the All-Travancore Agricultural Student's Association praying for the establishment of another agricultural colony in Central Travancore, or for the appointment of those, who have agricultural training, as teachers in Malayalam Schools;

(*b*) the steps taken for bringing the above Government order into effect;

(*c*) the number of such men appointed as teachers, in pursuance of the above order; and

(*d*) the number of persons having the agricultural training, who are qualified to be appointed as teachers in the Malayalam Schools?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question of establishing another agricultural colony is under consideration. The claims of those having agricultural training are being considered, in filling up vacancies among teachers.

(*c*) Five.

(*d*) Thirty-nine according to details so far available.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: With reference to part (*c*) of the answer, may I know the year in which the last appointment was made?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : It is not possible to give the year immediately as the appointment was made by the Director of Public Instruction.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know why it is difficult to find out the year when the last appointment was made?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : I did not say that it was difficult to give the year. What I said was, the appointment was made by the Director of Public Instruction and so he alone can answer the member.

Marketing of eggs.

324. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the fourth meeting of the Board of Agriculture made recommendations to the Government regarding the marketing of eggs; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, what those recommendations are?

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